CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 1986 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN ROOM AD-131, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LOYOLA CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-47-D3: Amendments to the ANEQ By-Laws and Standing Orders
BD-49-D1: Co-Presidential Letter to Rector re Dr. Kwok Chan
BD-49-D2: Hiring Committee Report
BD-49-D3: Progress Report on the Academic Services Fee
BD-49-D4: CFS Conference Report
BD-49-D5: ANEQ Reform Explanations

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Acting Chairperson Frank Benson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Karen Ashton (8:25)
Bernard Villemaire

Engineering:

Jon Jolivet

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Joe Fortune (9:20)
Mike Foster
Jim Locke
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maggie Arbour, Glen Cheverie, Amanda Masterman, Julie Smith, Emma Tibaldo, Scott Townsend, Brian Zelnicker
Commerce: Scott Bergen (W/R), Tony Ghannamy
Engineering: Dan Artola, James Crone, Doug Hardy
Fine Arts: Francois Gurik, Elizabeth Isaac, Keren Penney (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Cherine Hamam, V.P. Programming; Susan Hunt, V.P. Student Life; Brent Jones, V.P. Services; Gracie MacDonald, V.P. Communications; Craig McNamee, V.P. Finance; Marc Sicard, V.P. External

2. Approval of Agenda:

Karen Takacs requested that "Sateway Chez Vous" be added under Unfinished Business as Item 7(b). Acting Chairperson Frank Benson requested that the Judicial Board Appointments be added under New Business as Item 8(a) and that the time, place and date of the next Board meeting be added as Item 8(e). The Agenda was approved with these amendments.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 48th Meeting:

The Minutes of the 48th Meeting were unavailable, and this Item was postponed until the next meeting.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Acting Chairperson Frank Benson expressed regrets on behalf of Chairperson John Moore who was unable to attend due to commitments made prior to his becoming Chairperson. Acting Chairperson Frank Benson requested that Directors advise the Secretary of any changes of address or telephone numbers.

5. Reports:

a) Hiring Committee Report:

The Hiring Committee Report (BD-49-D2) was distributed. This report contained the details of the appointment of Thomas Burnside as CUSA Labour Pool Co-ordinator (one of two part-time positions).

b) Co-Presidents' Report:

Scott White reported that there have been no developments in the case of Dr. Kwok Chan of APSS. He distributed a copy of the letter he sent to the Rector concerning this matter as had been requested at the last Board meeting.

Scott White stated that the food service contract at the Campus Centre had been up for renewal. SAGA will be awarded the contract as of June 1st. In their bid for the contract, SAGA will be doing $50,000 worth of renovations on the first floor of the Campus Centre.

Regarding the Orientation and Priorities Conference (OPC), Scott White advised the Board that preliminary plans indicate that it will be held the weekend of June 20-22 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). The location has not been finalized.

Scott White advised the Board that the Girdwood case would be in court in early June. Scott White explained to the new Directors that Doug Girdwood was a CUSA V.P. two years ago and was implicated in the case when former Co-President David Baird was accused of bribing a fraternity. Girdwood's name appeared in The Link in this regard, and he is suing CUSA as publishers of The Link for $100,000 on the grounds of slander.

(7:30)

c) CFS Conference:

Karen Takacs distributed her report on the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) conference (BD-49-D4) which she attended last week. This report outlines the details of her participation at the conference. She added that CFS is eager to get Quebec members with whom CFS could work and share resources. The only Quebec member at this time is the McGill Grads who hold an associate membership. Karen Takacs stated that there was no real need for CUSA to become a member because there is nothing CFS offers that

CUSA cannot do for itself. However, she stressed the importance of continuing to send a representative to the conference in order to learn about the problems other students' associations are facing and how they are dealing with them.

d) Executive Reports:

Finance V.P. Craig McNamee reported that he is awaiting the final numbers on expected enrollment from Institutional Research, and that the Association Budget Package should be distributed to all the groups within one week. He stated that he is eager to get on with the ECA service contract and hopes to finalize it before the end of the summer.

Services V.P. Brent Jones reported that he has the final blueprint on the CUSA move to the Campus Centre and expects a quote on the cost of the move by next Tuesday. He stated that the Cusaprint move will be done within two or three weeks, and that the Labour Pool will provide the movers. He added that the Labour Pool will be providing bi-monthly reports on the number of job placements. He stated that the year-long used bookstore will be located in the Campus Centre once the move takes place. Other projects he is working on at present include the Orientation and Priorities Conference, installing a banking machine at Loyola, setting up a school marching band, opening a typing room at Loyola, making typing services available to students as well as resume, tutorial and translation services. He has been looking at handbooks from other universities for ideas and requested that if anyone has any ideas they should feel free to approach him.

Programming V.P. Cherine Hamam reported that the first organizing committee meeting for Programming will take place tomorrow. On the agenda is a discussion about what has been done in Programming in the past and the plans for this year. So far, the committee is made up of candidates for various V.P. posts whom Scott White had recommended because they were interested in working with CUSA even though they were not selected as V.P.s. She also reported that a committee to organize the Graduation Ball is in the works--the head of the committee has been chosen, and the committee will start work in September.

(7:45)

External V.P. Marc Sicard stated that there will be an ANEQ meeting on May 30-31-June 1, and that he has been looking into the question of CUSA's withdrawal from ANEQ. As a point of information, Acting Chairperson Frank Benson stated that the referendum last Spring regarding ANEQ empowers the Board to make the decision whether or not CUSA will withdraw. Peter Wheeland, former Communications V.P., added that this decision will be made in September. Marc Sicard advised the Board that there was a situation developing with Sally Kramer who organized the seminars on International Terrorism in March. Ms. Kramer wants CUSA to pay her for her work. Francois Desrosiers, former External V.P., stated that there was an oral agreement between CUSA and Ms. Kramer whereby she would be paid based on ticket sale revenue that was above the costs incurred by CUSA in organizing the seminars (ticket sales did not cover the organizational costs). He further stated that Ms. Kramer claims to have a "sponsorship letter", but this document does not exist. He stated that Ms. Kramer had gone to Concordia's Ombudsman, Mrs. Belson, in an effort to collect her money; however, Mrs. Belson has said that Ms. Kramer has no legal grounds for suing CUSA. Francois Desrosiers concluded his remarks by stating that he had written to Ms. Kramer advising her to go through a lawyer if she wished to pursue this matter.

(8:00)

Communications V.P. Gracie MacDonald reported that arrangements were being made to have three electronic message boards installed by September (at the Campus Centre, Hall Building Seventh Floor and Hall Building Lobby). Another four boards will be installed at a later date. The only costs involved are legal costs--the boards pay for themselves by flashing advertising messages for a small percentage of the time. In another development, Gracie MacDonald stated that she is waiting for University approval for bulletin boards which would have a supply of information packages on CUSA services, etc. which students could take. She also reported that she hopes to hold the International Student Symposium which was cancelled last March sometime before December.

Judicial Board Chairperson Frank Benson reported that three cases have come before the Board since the general elections. Firstly, Jim Schneider, Arts and Science candidate for the Board of Directors, complained of election irregularities. Jim Schneider had sent a letter to Frank Benson and CRO Paul Gott requesting that they attend the 46th Meeting of the Board of Directors at which time he would propose a motion to investigate these irregularities. He did not show and the issue has been dropped. Frank Benson stated that he had met informally with Jim Schneider and corrective measures will be taken, particularly regarding the names on the ballots (most likely to be presented as last name and initial in the next election). Secondly, there was a petition to stop the V.P. Programming from showing the film "Rambo II" because it was felt that the film went against the Military Free Zone Referendum ratified in the 1984 General Elections. Judicial Board ruled that the showing of the film did not involve research and/or recruitment serving military objectives, and as such the petition was dismissed. Thirdly, there is a case against "the Concordian" for alleged publishing of homophobic material. Judicial Board had a lengthy hearing on the case and a transcript is being prepared. At the hearing, it was agreed that "the Concordian" would produce materials relevant to the case, but Judicial Board still has not received the documents to bring the matter to a close.

(8:15)

6. Question Period:

Jim Locke asked about the status of the committee that was struck to look into Cusacorp. He wanted to know what it had done, and if necessary, could it be dismissed and a new committee struck. Scott White answered that the committee was made up mostly of people from the old Board of Directors. Maria Calderone responded that she was on the committee and that she would call the others on the committee to find out the status. Karen Takacs stated that she would look into it and make a report at the next Board meeting, and a new committee would be struck if deemed appropriate.

Linda Piovesan asked Craig McNamee, V.P. Finance, if he would be in charge of a committee to deal with ECA. He responded that he was not sure yet how to handle the issue. Karen Takacs stated that a negotiating committee will probably be set up.

Jon Jolivet asked about the legal fees referred to by Gracie MacDonald, V.P. Communications, in her report regarding the electronic message boards. Scott White explained that these legal fees were the costs involved in signing a contract with the company.

(8:30)

7. Unfinished Business:

a) Amendments to the ANEQ By-Laws and Standing Orders:

Peter Wheeland, former Communications V.P., led the Board through the Amendments to the ANEQ By-Laws and Standing Orders (BD-47-D3) and the ANEQ Reform Explanations (BD-49-D5).

MOTION 311:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Amendments to the ANEQ By-Laws and Standing Orders as presented in Document BD-47-D3 be adopted and presented to the ANEQ conference on May 30 - May 31 - June 1, 1986.

Moved by: Maria Calderone
Seconded by: Karen Ashton

Discussion:

Karen Ashton asked if any feedback or support had been received from other institutions on this issue. Peter Wheeland explained that CUSA submitted the "39 Reforms" last May and was supposed to receive feedback from the Regional Council, but none has been given to date. He added that ANEQ has been sent a copy of the Amendments (in French) and that this document should have been distributed to all student associations in Quebec. Maria Calderone asked what would happen if this motion was defeated, and Peter Wheeland stated that the amendments would have to be withdrawn from the ANEQ Congress.

VOTE ON MOTION 311: UNANIMOUS

(9:15)

b) Safeway Chez Vous:

Further to his presentation at the 48th Meeting of the Board of Directors, John Ernst of Safeway Chez Vous asked that CUSA consider a request for a grant of $3,500 for Safeway Chez Vous. He reiterated the project's popularity, and cited an article in "Journal de Montreal". He added that all the articles have mentioned that it is a project of Concordia students. He stated that in addition to the money received from the Regie de l'Assurance, Safeway Chez Vous will approach the police and the Societe des Alcools de Quebec for financial support. Karen Takacs advised the Board that she and Scott White had first received the request when they took office and asked for the overall picture of money they were receiving. At that time, they gave a $500 grant towards the start-up costs. Karen Takacs stated that Safeway Chez Vous has the support of the Board, but that the grant request will have to be looked at by FinCom. Scott White stated that he had been researching the project and that it looks very promising; however, he added that the Board should not be rushed into making financial decisions and that this would best be left in the hands of FinCom. Craig McNamee stated that because Safeway Chez Vous had been endorsed at the previous meeting of the Board, this request would be given preferential treatment, and he added that there should be a decision within one to two weeks. Karen Ashton asked about liability insurance for the project. John Ernst stated that the Canadian Insurance Bureau was very happy with the

project because it was a provided a practical solution to the problem of impaired drivers on the road, however, he stated that no details had been worked out with any one company as of this date.

(9:30)

8. New Business:

a) Judicial Board Appointments:

Scott White assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting. Frank Benson, Judicial Board Chairperson, stated that traditionally in May, Judicial Board positions are vacated. He advised the Board that there had to be a motion to set the number of seats for 1986-87. He stated that the limit was constitutional (Article 7; between three and nine members). Once the number has been set, the decision is locked in for the year. He recommended that five members would be optimum. He felt it necessary to have an odd number to avoid split decisions at hearings, and that nine or seven members provided too many opinions whereas three members were not enough to deal with the amount of work.

MOTION 312:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the number of members of Judicial Board for 1986-87 be set at five.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

NO OBJECTIONS

Candidate: Alex Ciocilteu:

Alex Ciocilteu stated that he had been serving on Judicial Board since February and that he is eager to rejoin because he is interested in the work being done and feels that he could contribute more. Scott White asked where his interests were, and Alex Ciocilteu responded that he was particularly interested in human rights issues because he hopes to study law, and he added that he enjoys helping students solve problems. Jon Jolivet asked if Frank Benson endorsed him. Frank Benson responded that all candidates are interviewed before being presented to the Board, and added that because Alex Ciocilteu has been involved since February, this would be an good opportunity for him to mature into the position.

MOTION 313:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alex Ciocilteu be ratified as a member of Judicial Board for 1986-87.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

VOTE ON MOTION 313: UNANIMOUS

Candidate: Frank Benson:

Frank Benson stated that he intends to bring Judicial Board more out into the open and make it more accessible to all students because he felt that it was isolated and generally unknown. He also felt that it was necessary

to increase women's representation on Judicial Board because there is none at present. Jim Locke asked him what qualifications he had, and Frank Benson responded that interest and dedication were his strong points. Scott White added that Frank Benson's record speaks for itself. Maria Calderone asked when he would be graduating, and Frank Benson answered that he would be fininshing at the end of next year. Jon Jolivet asked if he would be staying in Montreal, and Frank Benson responded that although there is some question at present, he hopes to be here.

MOTION 314:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Frank Benson be ratified as a member of Judicial Board for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

VOTE ON MOTION 314: UNANIMOUS

(9:45)

Karen Takacs asked who were currently on Judicial Board, and Frank Benson responded himself, Alex Ciocilteu, Alex Burns and Graham Wall. Karen Takacs asked if there were any other applicants for the Judicial Board appointments. Frank Benson explained that he did not open up the positions at this time because he wanted the other three members to develop into their jobs (they have been serving since February), and he added that it was traditional to keep on three members from the May session. This leaves two jobs open in the fall when new students can apply. Frank Benson stated that Graham Wall will be brought before the Board as a candidate at the next Board meeting, and that Alex Burns is graduating which will leave two positions to be filled in the fall. Karen Takacs asked if there were any pressing issues, and Frank Benson responded that there was one that Alex Burns had been involved at the hearing and, as such, he would be keeping Alex Burns on over the summer in an auxilliary commissioner role. Scott White concluded this portion of the meeting by stating that serving on the Judicial Board is a thankless job and that the members deserve appreciation for their efforts.

b) Steering Committee:

Frank Benson resumed the position of Acting Chairperson. Scott White stated that the Steering Committee was a Standing Committee of the Board of Directors. The Steering Committee works with the Chairperson to set the agenda for meetings, as well as deal with the routine of organizing the meetings. The Steering Committee would meet every second Wednesday, alternate weeks to the Board meetings. The Steering Committee meetings take approximately 45 minutes. Scott White stated that the ideal Steering Committee would be composed of the Chair, one Co-President and two or three Directors. Maria Calderone and Karen Ashton volunteered to serve on this committee. There were no objections to these volunteers.

(10:00)

c) Finance Committee:

Karen Takacs stated that FinCom is the heart of the Association, and is the most interesting, although time-consuming, committee to serve on in that the volunteers will learn about every club and association. FinCom will be

made up of the Finance V.P., one Co-President, and the following volunteer Directors: Bernard Villemaire, Jim Locke, Linda Piovesan, Ian Fleet (except for July and August), and Tony Ghannamy (name put forward at his request by Scott White). There were no objections to these volunteers.

e) Next Meeting:

The time, place and date of the next Meeting of the Board of Directors has been set for Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. in H-762, Hall Building, Sir George Williams Campus.

d) Academic Service Fee:

Scott White referred to the "Progress Report on the Academic Services Fee" (BD-49-D3). He reported that the Academic Services Fee was not brought up at the May Board of Governors Meeting because the Board of Governors' Finance Committee decided to delay it until June or later. He stated that this gives CUSA some breathing room, however it will be up for discussion again. He added that judging from the heated discussion at the Board, CUSA has allies in some of the Governors.

(10:15)

Karen Takacs reported that CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) sent a telegram to the Secretary of the Board of Governors protesting tuition-related incidental fees. She further reported that she and Peter Wheeland had met with Denis Guindon of the Universite de Montreal, and that they will be working together with students from McGill University to hold a press conference next Tuesday, May 27 at 1212 rue Panne (near the CBC building on Dorchester East). Peter Wheeland added that the purpose of the press conference is to pressure the Minister of Education to declare that if any such tuition-related incidental fees are charged, these amounts will be deducted from the operating grants given to the universities.

9. Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Moved by: Jon Jolivet
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

There were no objections to this motion.

Frank Benson

Frank Benson, Acting Chairperson

Jo Howard

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary